

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
6:30PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor McHale-present
Councilman Freeman-absent

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Debby Tamburro, 125 Roosevelt Avenue, expressed concern about flooding issues in her area and structural stability of their homes. Because of the upcoming election, she would like assurance that there would be continuous addressing of these issues.
2. Mary Ann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, is constantly worried about water in her basement. She has been living with this for a long time.

Mayor McHale stated that he asked the Borough Engineer to extricate this portion from the currently unfunded EIT Phase III project.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Review prior to vote:

RESOLUTIONS

#11-222 Bills List

#11-223 Adoption of Fair and Open Process-Authorization to Advertise for 2012 Borough Professionals

#11-224 Approval of Selzer School Calendar Raffle to be held January 3-March 31, 2012;
ID#109-5-37089; RL#353

Councilwoman Zamechansky requested that the Bills List be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Caspare asked why #225 Sanitary Sewer Infiltration Inflow - was removed from the agenda. Mayor McHale explained that there had not yet been a presentation on this so it was not ready to be voted upon and therefore removed from the agenda.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

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Motion to adopt consent agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Motion to move the Non-consent resolution #222, the Bills List: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Roll call vote on consent agenda: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Roll call vote on non-consent agenda: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou-yes
Councilwoman Zamechansky-abstained

Administrator's Report

On October 24th Mr. Perkins attended a meeting in Hackensack; the topic being the flooding and electrical issues associated with Hurricane Irene. The guest speaker was the president of PSE&G, Chairman of the BPU, representatives of United Water, NJDEP and Emergency Management. One of the solutions would be to move the power boxes in the flood areas. The problem is that there is currently a study being done by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Both PSE&G and United Water are awaiting that report prior to making recommended changes. It was agreed that communication between utilities and the towns needs to be improved. There was a resolution passed by the Northern Valley Mayor's Association that there be an investigation and possibility of rolling back one month's bills by PSE&G for every customer affected by Hurricane Irene.

The storm damage from this past weekend resulted in \$24,000 in overtime as of today for the DPW; another \$25,000 in Police overtime and dumping fees. There are currently nine loads of branches and trees going to the dumps. There were 150-175 downed trees and approximately 200 damaged trees. The Fire Department and Ambulance Corps were called to quarters to stand by and responded to a number of calls. On Saturday afternoon the Mayor authorized a state of emergency for the town; shortly after the Governor declared a state-wide emergency for those affected communities. A state of emergency allows the town to procure resources outside the normal procedure-hiring tree companies, additional crews, guaranteeing overtime, etc. in order to deal with the emergency. We will request an allotment from FEMA to replace trees. Since the

schools will reopen tomorrow, crews will be sent out to make sure sidewalks leading to schools are clear of branches for the safety of the students walking.

Under the direction of Police Chief Venezia and Police Commissioner Zamechansky, Lincoln School was opened as a warming center Sunday morning. He thanked Superintendent Triggiano and head custodian Kevin Dunne for their assistance.

The damage assessment for OEM was prepared and sent out by Lt. Connor at 9:15AM this morning.

The DPW superintendent obtained chippers from Bogota and Lumberton so there are operating three chippers. It should take about three weeks to return to normal.

Mayor McHale suggested that the police log of residents without power because wires have been ripped off their houses be compared to PSE&G's list in case some people have not reported it to PSE&G.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Manna

No Report

- Councilman Carrick

No Report

- Councilman Stylianou

Will hold report for public meeting

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Winter Festival will be held December 2nd.

- Councilman Caspare

Library

At the last meeting they complained of ivy on the northeast side wall, paint chipping on the south side in the old section. Next year two employees will be let go and hours cut back because of the reduction of money from the State.

Borough Attorney's Report

Mr. Paster and Mr. Carrino spoke today regarding the Library landscaping issue. They are going to attempt to extricate the landscaping portion from the contract. It had become a problem because it had been included in the Community Development grant but the insurance requirement in this case for the landscaper is outrageously high.

The Mayor read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss police personnel matters

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to resume public session: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk